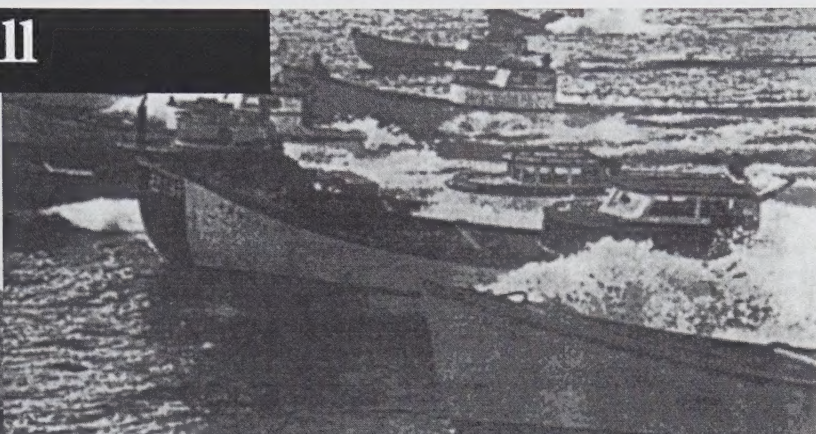
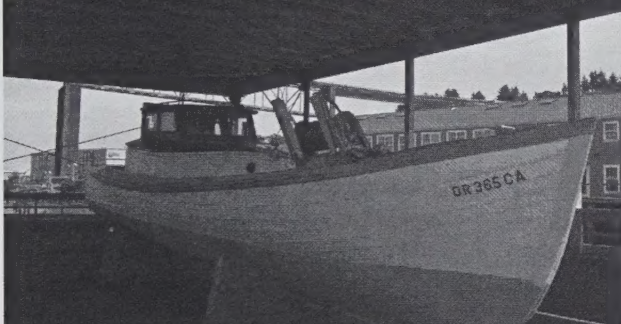


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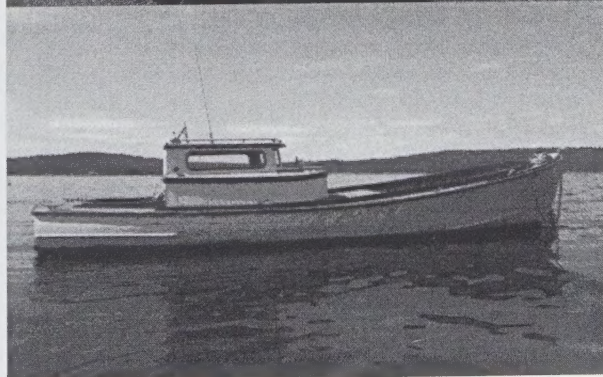
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Sally



the
Salmon
Says...



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Where have all the Bowpickers Gone? or The Aesthetic Bowpicker

We emphasize the Bowpicker Gillnetters on our cover. As Sally the Salmon says they like the Butterfly Fleet of 100 years ago, are becoming hard to find. Including an example of the Regatta Gillnet Boat races of the '30s, '40s & '50s, we show a cross section of other bowpickers in the area that are in decent condition and still visible, if not in the water today.

By Jon Westerholm

Regardless of controversies and sentiments surrounding the gillnet fisheries of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, many people recognize and admire the aesthetics of the historical boats we know as gillnetters or bow-pickers.

Classic Columbia River gillnet boats can be traced to their origins in local boatyards: Blix on Puget Island and Columbia Boats on Youngs Bay, establishments that have since been dismantled. To meet a growing need for boats, canneries began production of their own fleets. The Columbia River Packers Association (CRPA), Union Cannery, and later Bumble Bee Cannery turned out the distinctive wooden boats. Originally, these craft were modeled after the long, sail-powered boats of the butterfly fleet. Smaller boats that required a single fisherman and used larger engines were created later. These smaller boats with more engine power enabled gillnetters to travel beyond the mouth of the Columbia. Hydraulic pick-up reels were added to replace the labor intensive skunk rollers that relied on sheer muscle power to haul in nets.

In 1915 there were 2865 licensed gillnetters on the Columbia River. Today,

in Washington and Oregon combined, there are fewer than 500 licensed and permitted gillnet boats that fish the River. Unlike the wooden boats of 1915, the modern gillnet fleet is constructed of materials that came along in wartime, including aluminum and fiberglass. The old-timers, the Columbia River Gillnetters, are still around. Where they have gone is often interesting.

A few Columbia River gillnet boats are still working fishing vessels. Editor Jon Westerholm's well-maintained, classic gillnet boats ply Blind Slough during the season. His brother also sets out on Blind Slough in his wooden gillnetter. Other gillnet boats have been repurposed to suit other needs. Conversion has taken a few creative turns.

Conversion to troll fishing. Before 1900 there were very few trollers on the ocean. By moving the cabin of the Columbia River gillnetter to the bow, a few gillnet fishermen have gained room to maneuver trolling gear in the stern and switched to a troller's life.

Conversion to pleasure boating. For a few, pride in owning a Columbia River Gillnetter has extended into showcasing the workmanship and legacy of beautifully crafted boats.

Conversion to museum pieces. Some examples of gillnet boats are found preserved and displayed under cover. The Hanthorne Cannery exhibits a treasure trove of magnificent boats from the era of the Butterfly Fleet onward.

Conversion to informal museum pieces. Astoria Builders Supply exhibited a relic Columbia River gillnetter in the loft of its now shuttered store. Other sightings of dilapidated boats are strewn

around the area, reminding people that there was indeed a unique and proud contribution to the maritime industry.

Conversion to restaurants? Perhaps the most innovative use of a Columbia River gillnet boat is the Bowpicker Fish and Chips Cafe found along Marine Drive in Astoria. The galley of a bowpicker turns out albacore and chips to the delight of thousands of visitors every year.

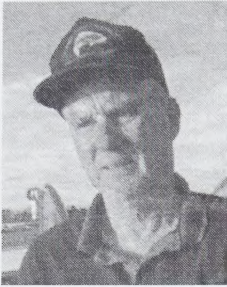
by Diana Johnson

Ron Ford has converted his Gillnet boat to a fast food restaurant on wheels. Ron and Linda Ford are well known with their Bowpicker Fish & Chips in front of both the heritage and Maritime Museums in Astoria. We feature the picture of the "1948 Columbia" with its captain standing in the bow.

This boat was formerly the "Bobbie" and fished on the river by Bob Hagenup. Ron says it is the most photographed boat in town. His first fish & Chips boat was the "Nikki" owned and fished by Nick Rusinovich originally. It was built a little later also by the Columbia Boat Shop with a different design. Ron is fixing it up for possible future use as a Bowpicker Fish & Chips again as well.

Ironically the Gillnet Bowpicker, or 365CA, shown in the second picture down was also built in 1948 farther up Youngs Bay, at the CRPA shipyard next to the bridge. Its owner is Jack Marincovich who fished it for many years out of Clifton and down below at North shore in August. Jack is the longtime Executive Secretary of the CRFPA.

by Jon Westerholm



From The Editor

OREGON GOVERNOR

Kitzhaber Policy draws blood, Gillnet Ban hurts local families, and Gillnet Restrictions bite into the economy. Are these the kind of editorial headlines that we want to see in our local newspapers?

I think not in a Democratic community such as ours! We are looking for equality, cooperation, fairness, and freedom of choice to be able to carry on our time honored activity and pursuit of happiness.

We commercial fishing gillnetters, providing sustenance for the public from the food fish industry, feel proud of our cooperative activity in sharing this with the other user groups. In the harvest of our Columbia River salmon, the natural resources of the Northwest such as emphasized historically on the walls of our State Capital buildings in Salem and Olympia belong to all of us and need to be divided equally with the various groups. This of course, includes the above Bonneville Dam Indian Fishery as well as the recreational and commercial groups below, when it comes to river salmon allocation.

We are becoming such an urban population and society, with all of its electronic and computerized units that we forget about the rural areas of our states that maintain a strong historic relationship and proper use of our natural resources on the land and in the water.

We helped elect a governor who we thought would work to maintain equilibrium as one of his responsibilities and goals, but in this case it is not happening. He instead is listening to certain individuals who have popular gains to make with just one group of fisherman. As a result we are putting forth large sums of effort and finances, both pro and con that could be used much more judiciously to provide for more scientific information in such things as wise hatchery production and aids to migration, with an anadromous fish.

The popular vote on statewide Measure 81, in the election last fall, indicated a good

opposition to the eliminating main stem Columbia Commercial Fishing on the ballot. The local rural fishermen and residents also know from historic experience, that the Governor's Plan, will not work. They will also tell you of the dangers of opening seine fishing up again in the river.

Where then will the non-sport fishing crowd get their various types of salmon at the fish markets and at the restaurants? This is the situation that we find ourselves in now. What is your answer Doctor Kitzhaber?

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you advertisers and readers with donations and letters or not, for sticking behind us and the Columbia River Gillnetter. It is much appreciated. We have lived and worked together for generations

here on the river and we need to stick together.

I want to also thank you Gillnetters for sticking with your concern for the environment here on the Columbia. It is truly the great river of the West and you are doing your share to keep it that way. Continue to turn in all recyclable nylon web and lines as well as unneeded lead line. The recycle trailer is still located at the Astoria Port Docks, Pier 3, across from Englund Marine Supply.

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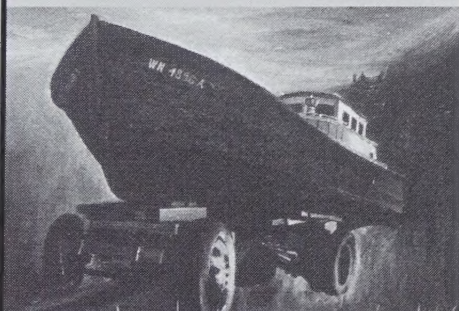
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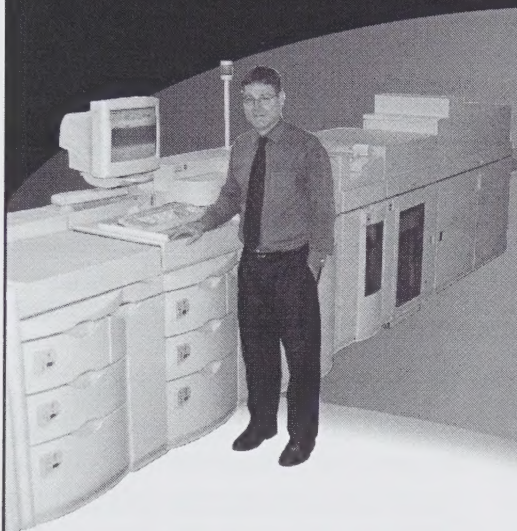
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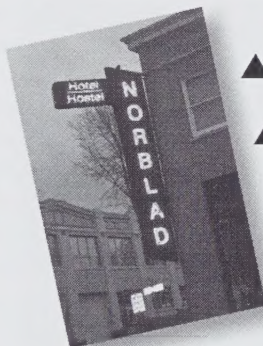
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Executive Secretary Report



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WHAT'S GOING WRONG IN SALEM!

One million people in the State of Oregon voted NO on Measure 80 against the plan to take Commercial Fishing away from the Commercial Business Men and give the fish to the Sports Fishermen! Governor Kitzhaber stepped forward before the election with the plan which would take the Commercial Business Men off the river and push them into small "select areas". The Fish and Wildlife Commission, which is all appointed by the Governor, voted 4 to 2 to go along with the Governor's Plan. (This was a step to over-ride the vote of the people, which were against such a plan.)

How could we get to the "select areas"? Most of our Commercial Fishermen are from three and four generations of families that have made their living off the Columbia River. We grew up on the shores of the Columbia where the importance of the fishing industry was taught in the schools and the fact that the three F's (Fishing, Farming and Forestry) is the backbone of our economy and that these industries help build the State of Oregon.

When you visit the State Capital in Salem and enter the Main Entrance, there are paintings on the wall of the Farmer, the Logger and the Fisherman.

Through the years we have taken many trips to Salem to defend our historical fishing right on the Colum-

bia. In all cases we have come out on the winning side, either by a Vote of the People or Bills in the House or Senate. Only in 1975 did the Voters in Oregon make Steelhead a game fish which was the fight we lost! Sportsmen told the people to give them the steelhead and the Commercial people could have the Salmon. They took a deep breath and came after the Salmon also.

This past year the Sports Fishermen came at the Commercial Fishermen with full force and raised a lot of money and paid people top dollar to get names on the petition to put Measure 8 on the November Ballot.

A couple of months before the election, the Governor stepped forward with the plan to take the Commercial Fishermen off the Main Columbia and push

us into small select areas. The Fish and Wildlife Commission appointed by the Governor voted 4-2 to go along with his plan.

Then came November when One Million People Voted NO on Measure #81 against the Governor's Plan.

Our industry has now filed a claim in the Court of Appeals to say a Million Voters carry more weight than just the four votes of the Commissioners, which were appointed by the Governor!

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Crosscut News of the Great Nearby

Political games are devastating sustainable commercial fishing

By Pete Knutson

Guest Opinion: The state's current Fish and Wildlife Commission creates a wide-open playing field for sports fishing interests to have their way to the detriment of consumers and small family fishing operations alike.

Despite the 1995 and 1999 voter rejection of initiatives favoring sport fishing, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission moves steadily to restrict and eliminate commercial fisheries in Washington State. Under a veneer of conservation rhetoric, the commission has reallocated salmon, crab, prawns and now Columbia River Chinook from food fish harvesters to the politically powerful sport industry. On January 12, 2013 they voted to eliminate the 150-year-old Columbia River non-tribal commercial salmon fishery, which has been a significant source of livelihood for the economically depressed southwest Washington region.

Not a single commercial fisherman nor any representative from the food industry sits on the nine member Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to speak for an industry which accounts for 15,000 jobs in the Seattle area alone, according to a port of Seattle study. No speaks for the fish consumers which my family fishing business supplies at King County farmer's markets, nor for the majority of state citizens who buy their local salmon at the fish counter. While they are excluded, the trophy-hunting Safari Club, the sport gear sales industry, fish farm advocates and other game-oriented groups all find seats at the fish and wildlife table, alongside nominal conservationists. Arguably, the current composition of the commission violates state statute, which mandates that the governor "seek" a balanced approach to management of fish and wildlife in appointments.

Former U.S. Representative Jolene Unsoeld was one of the only dissenters on the commission to challenge the idea

that "hook and release" sport fishing was a conservation measure. As a result, she was savaged by a sport fishing columnist as an "idiot" who "represented only the tribes and commercial interests." After what Lynda Mapes of the Seattle Times called "an ugly and personal campaign," the sport lobby succeeded in purging her from the commission.

In 2008, Fish and Wildlife Director Jeff Koenings resigned under pressure. Dr. Koenings served for ten years, had a distinguished Alaskan fisheries manager and scientist, and had chaired the Chinook Technical Committee for the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission. He was widely regarded as an excellent professional manager who brought order to the state's salmon recovery strategy in the wake of federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) intervention to protect Chinook salmon. His resignation was greeted by the Tony Floor, sport industry spokesman and former WDFW employee, who stated for the Seattle Times, "We couldn't move forward (with Koenings)."

The commission replaced Koenings with Phil Anderson, a former sport charter boat fisherman and a long time Fish and Wildlife employee. His educational credentials at the time consisted of community college attendance. As the director of a major state agency, he was hired in by the commission at a recommended salary of \$141,000 per year.

In the wake of such political hardball and patronage, the state now has a commission that pursues narrow policies tailored for the recreational sector. A good example of this emphasis is the Delayed Release Chinook Program.

Under the WDFW program designed to create a year round Puget Sound sport fishery, Chinook are held in aquaculture facilities for extended, expensive rearing. When released, these voracious feeders are designed to stay resident in Puget Sound rather than follow their natural migratory instinct to the Pacific. The ecological impact of this program on resident species and wild salmon smolts, such as ESA-listed Chinook, has not been researched.

However, the state auditor's office did

estimate the fiscal impact of the Delayed Release Program to the state's taxpayers. Each of these fish caught on a sport rod cost state taxpayers \$768. Moreover, these boutique, resident fish feed in polluted estuaries such as the Duwamish and Commencement Bay and test at elevated levels for persistent toxins such as the fire retardant PBDE. At least one study has shown a direct correlation between length of Puget Sound residency and levels of PBDE in Chinook.

As overall justification for its sport subsidies, the commission lowballs the value of commercial seafood harvesting, while inflating sport fish economic impact. Hans Radtke, former Pacific Fisheries Management Council Chair and natural resource economist, estimates that the commission's economic study hosted on its website underestimates commercial fishing contributions to the state economy by a factor of twenty-five.

Referendum 45 created the Fish and Wildlife Commission in 1995, removing the governor's office from direct control over the Fish and Wildlife Department. Henceforward the governor could appoint the nine commissioners, who would then make policy and hire the director. It mandated a geographical representation system biased against the state's population centers in Western Washington. Rather than insulate natural resource policy from politics, the commission structure created a new layer of patronage and special interest, further removing public policy from accountability.

Two small steps to begin reforming WDFW have been introduced this legislative session. HB 1112 mandates that scientific literature used to support significant agency action be publicly identified. HB 1189 would mandate a balanced representation of interest on the commission.

The decision to steamroller the Columbia River Commercial fishing community was a fish grab that had nothing to do with conservation. If nothing else, it would reopen the debate over the existence of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The public has a legitimate interest in the sustainable harvesting of our local waters. That public interest in Puget Sound food

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economy would be far better served by returning control over fish and wildlife to a directly elected official - the governor - and retiring an unnecessary and politicized bureaucracy.

Professor Knutsen teaches Environmental Anthropology at Seattle Central Community College and operates the Loki Fish Company on Puget Sound. He and former State Legislator John Jovanovich of Sea-Tac are strong and vocals alike of equality in the use of our natural resources, including the harvesting of Columbia River Salmon.

Knutsen makes a strong statement towards the damage caused by the Political "Shenanigans" of the Washington Fish & Wildlife Department and now we have the same unequal activities being carried on by the Oregon Department and the Governor of Oregon.

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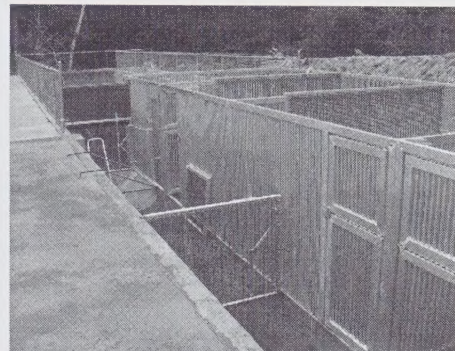
December 2012 storm damage at Yacht Club pier

strong westerly winds which collapsed a 40 foot section of the pier and lifted several piles off of their mud sill which did not line up once the pier went down into place after the high tide event in December 2012. In a joint effort with the City of Astoria's Engineering Department and some major funding help with an emergency grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Board for \$31,881, Bergerson Construction was awarded a contract for repairs, and work was completed by mid-March. The City of Astoria and Clatsop County each contributed \$5,000 to the project as matching funds for the repairs. Our goal to complete repairs by the end of March was critical to our program as we start the mass marking of 750,000 Select Area Bright Fall Chinook (SAB's) in early April. Prior to the pier repairs the fisheries crew were accessing the net pens via a small boat to complete the feeding and rearing of the 825,000 coho and 650,000 spring Chinook which were already in the pens prior

to the pier failure. The crew also managed the transfer of 750,000 SAB fry to the net pens via our project work barge which added an extra step in coordinating the transfers with the high tides to allow enough water for the barge to make it to the boat ramp and back to the pens.

With the completion of our new adult salmon holding pond at the South Fork Hatchery last fall we put it through the test for the first time with the returning run of our SAB's and coho salmon back in October. The sorting, holding, and spawning of the fish went much more smoothly as we had a large number of fish return in the fall of 2012. With the new lower river fisheries reform ongoing the timing couldn't have been better as we had enough returning fish to meet the extra SAB production goal identified by ODFW. We collected our program's full production goal as well as an additional 500,000 eggs for the broodstock expansion at the ODFW Klaskanine Hatchery. In recent years we have struggled to meet our program's SAB production release goals, often falling short by 200,000 to 300,000 fish.

Smolt releases for 2013 were generally similar to the past few years, but with the added acclimation of 500,000 spring Chinook and 600,000 coho due to the lower river fisheries reform and the reprogramming of additional fish for the select areas, for a total of 1,409,972 spring Chinook, 3,296,898 coho and 1,390,000 SAB fall Chinook released from the Clatsop County Fisheries' sites. Along with the additional fish reallocation, in regards to the lower river fisheries reform, we also received additional funding from ODFW for these extra fish which included money to hire two seasonal workers for three months to help receive, rear, and



Adult salmon holding pond and sorting pens at South Fork Hatchery

release these fish.

Clatsop County Fisheries would like to personally thank all of the fishermen and processors that have continued their contributions to the voluntary fisherman assessment program. The contributions to the program have been way down over the past eighteen months with the Measure 81 opposition and the ongoing appeals against the adopted rules to reform fisheries on the lower mainstem Columbia River. The 2012 Oregon SAFE summer/fall fisheries voluntary assessment was down to a 21% participation level with the 2013 winter/spring fishery season coming in at 22% participation. Fishermen and processor contributions are a vital part of our program, especially in showing matching dollars for our Bonneville Power Administration funding, which amounts to over half of our total budget. We hope that the participation on the contributions will rebound in the coming months to help us keep the SAB program going as well as other ongoing maintenance needs that these funds are used for. Once again, we would like to thank everyone for all the support throughout the years, and good luck fishing!

Steve Meshke
Clatsop County Fisheries

Warren Cannery – Cathlamet



Totem & Milt Doumit - Picking up fish at Woody Island from Helmer Lindstrom

One of the initial canneries to appear on the Columbia River, to take advantage of the large numbers of salmon running in its waters in the early years, was the Warren Cannery at Cathlamet some 40 miles above Astoria. It was built in 1869.

The pictures show the facility in about 1900 and again in more modern times when it was operated and used by the Doumit Family. The company Launch "Totem" is shown on a dry dock with Harry Doumit, and shown later picking up fish from Helmer Lindstrom at Woody Island with Milt Doumit the operator.

Puget Island, with its bridge across the Cathlamet Channel on the North side, and the ferry across to Oregon on the South side, became a prominent commercial fishing center over the years predominantly for many families of Norwegian background.

Jon Westerholm, Editor

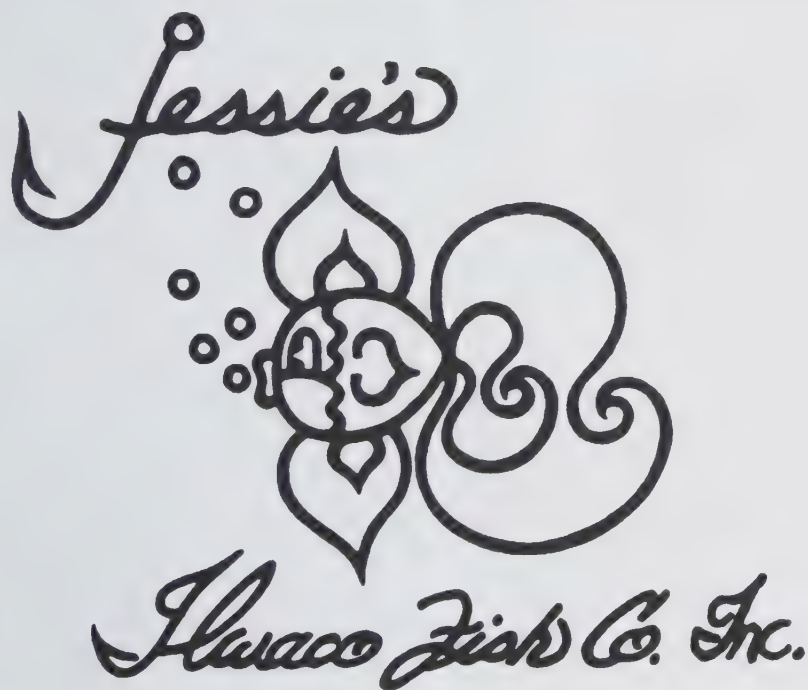
Harry Doumit and prominent launch - Pick up boat "Totem"



Warren Cannery – Cathlamet



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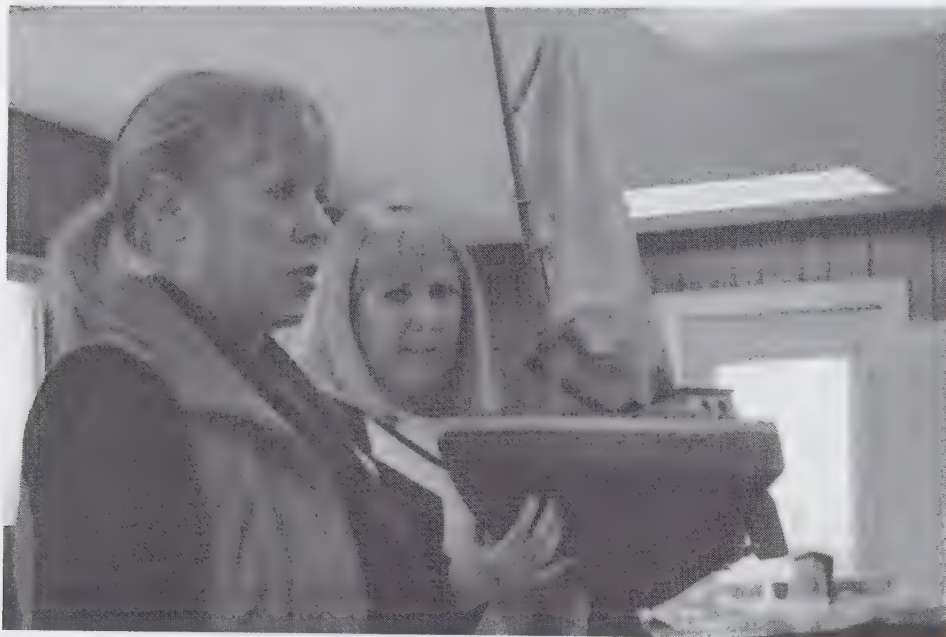
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THE OLSON FAMILY STORY

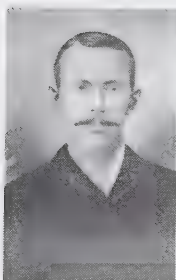
Six Generations of Gillnet Fishermen on the Columbia River

The Swedish Olson Family of Alderbrook, at East Astoria, has actively fished on the Columbia River for 116 years. The men of the Olson family have taught one another the art of gillnetting and soon a sixth generation of the family will take his (or her) turn fishing salmon on the river.



Cindy Daly on left, with sister Claudia Deloff displaying an old-time sailing fishing boat model, handcrafted by their Great-Grandfather, Alfred Olson. Photo by James Allen

1st Generation:



Alfred H Olson
1895

Oland, a Swedish coastal island across the Baltic Sea from Latvia and Lithuania, was the birthplace of Alfred "Fred" H. Olson, born in 1863 and Hannah Caroline Anderson, born in 1865. Fred and Hannah grew up together on Oland and shared a love of the water. In 1895 Fred at 31 years of age married Hanna Anderson who was 29. (Pictures) Fred and

the Butterfly Fleet made up of more than 2,500 double-ended sailing gillnet boats that fished the lower Columbia River. These sail boats were crewed by two men using a Sprit sail.

2nd Generation:

In addition to the eldest son Arthur (Art), the Olson family grew with five children born in Astoria. Helen was born in 1898, William (Willie) in 1900, Axel in 1903, Mae in 1905 and Oscar in 1908.

In 1910, Fred and his 14 year old son Art were working on nets at Skow Bay, currently the site of Columbia Memorial Hospital. Fred, at 47

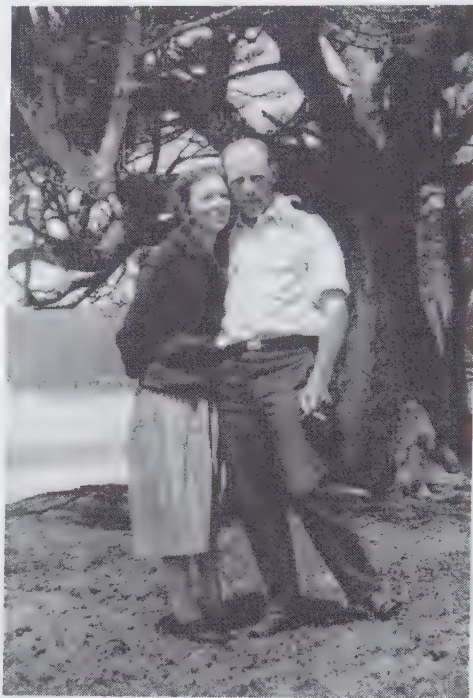


Hannah Caro-
line Olson 1895



Art and Willie Olson

years of age, was injured when he fell into the bay and Art was unable to save his father from drowning. At the time of the accident, Fred's wife Hannah was at home at 961 Franklin with



Frances and Art Olson - 1925

their five young children. The home sat directly above Skow Bay, just minutes away. The youngest son Oscar was only 18 months old at the time of his father's death.

At 14, Art Olson became head of the family. Art quit school and fished his father's boat to support the family of 7. Willie Olson was 10 years old at the time of his father's death and he would soon fill the second position in the



Oscar Olson

Hannah left Sweden to fish the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and soon immigrated to Boston where their son Arthur Walford Olson was born on October 19, 1896. In 1897 the Olson family of three moved cross-country to Oregon to a life centered around gillnet fishing in Astoria.

By 1900 Fred was part of

The Olson Family Story (cont.)

two-man boat. (Picture) The brothers would continue to gillnet on the Columbia until Willie signed on as a crew member on the Columbia River Packer's Association (CRPA) ship St. Nicholas as it traveled between Astoria and Alaska. Willie died on that ship in Alaska in 1916 at just 16 years of age. Art traveled to Alaska to retrieve his brother's body and bring it home to Astoria where he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Brother Axel was a mechanic at Lovell Auto and Oscar joined both of his brothers in their work. Oscar worked at Lovell Auto but also joined his oldest brother Art on the river gillnetting for salmon. The family home on Franklin, originally built just above Skow Bay, was part of the many landslides in Astoria and was eventually moved to its current location in Alderbrook at 47th and Birch.



Margie, Frances, Art and Eldie Olson just prior to the death of Frances

3rd Generation:

In 1925, at age 28, Art Olson married Frances Viola Mell, 19. Frances was part of the Irish Gallagher family who also fished the Columbia. Frances loved the water and gillnet fishing and is pictured in a knit dress enjoying a boat ride on Art's boat on the Columbia with a family friend. (picture in last issue)

Art and Frances had two children, Eldred (Eldie) born in 1926 and Margaret (Margie) born in 1928. In 1932 the Olson family purchased a home in Alderbrook at 5059 Birch Street. The house, built in 1890, was bought

for \$360.00 and it took Art five years to pay off the house. To do so he continued to fish the Columbia but also worked as a machinist/ship-fitter at various boat yards including Astoria Marine Construction Company (AMCCO) and built several Gillnet and duck boats in the 1920's and 1930's. Art enjoyed spending time at the float house he shared with Harry Morgan on Warren Slough. The float house remains in the same spot some 70 years later.

Art would continue to endure loss of family members when Frances, his wife of only 10 years, died of kidney failure at age 29. Their children, Eldie (9) and Margie (7) would remain in the home in Alderbrook to be raised by their father with the help of Grandmother Hannah who came to live with the family. Hannah Caroline Anderson Olson died in 1941 at age 76.

Art's youngest brother Oscar Olson married Cecelia Manick (Mannikko) in 1936 and they resided in the Olson family home in Alderbrook that had been moved from the Franklin Street slide. Oscar and his brother Art would continue to fish together until 1944 when Art died of a burst appendix at age 47.

Brother Axel Olson married Martha Mell in 1925. Martha was the sister of Frances so the two brothers married sisters. In 1946 Axel Olson died at age 43 and Oscar would need to look to another generation of the family to continue the tradition of gillnet fishing on the Columbia.

4th Generation:

Oscar and Cecilia Olson had two children, Alfred born in 1938 and Sandy Robinson in



Eldie Olson and Margie Olson Thompson

1944. Alfred (Fred) Olson would carry on the name of his grandfather and would also carry on the tradition of gillnet fishing as a 4th generation of the Olson fishing family.

Art's son Eldie, third generation gillnet fisherman, married Peggy Kujala in 1946. Eldie and



Peggy and Larry Olson at Alderbrook home

Peggy Olson had two sons - Lawrence (Larry) and Kenneth (Kenny) Olson. Larry and Kenny became part of the 4th generation of Olson fisherman as young children.

Larry still actively gillnets and Kenny is a boat operator for the Bar Pilots.

When Larry was 17 years old, he told his father Eldie "I'm going fishing with the boat." Eldie didn't like the idea but Larry proceeded to take it out for the drift, delivered fish the next morning and called it his own from that point on. Eldie did not fight the fact that his son was fishing his boat and quietly went back to fishing with Uncle Oscar on his new boat called the Sandy Cee (named after Oscar's daughter and wife) until 1982 when Oscar died at age 75.

Larry Olson continued to fish until he enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1966. He was wounded in Viet Nam and relates that after recovering for five months in a hospital, it was his gillnet boat that helped him recover. Larry said "that boat brought me back from the war".

Margie Olson learned to swim in the Columbia River when her father took her out for a gillnet boat ride, tied a rope around her waist and lowered her into the water. She remembers the smell of the cabin of the boat and recalls swimming was much more fun than having to go into the cabin waiting for the fish to be caught. In 1948, Dick Thompson asked Margie Olson to marry him. Dick was a gillnet fisherman partnering with Eldon Korpela. Dick bought the net and Eldon had the boat and together they had a great season of fishing that first year. When Dick and Margie married in 1949, he sold the net to Eldon Korpela and

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The Olson Family Story (cont.)



Larry, Kathy and Gunnar Olson at Olson Family Home in Alderbrook



Larry, Jeremy and Tyler Olson 4th and 5th Generation

went back to running his family business of Astoria Granite Works with his brother Denny. Dick and Margie have three daughters, Claudia DeLoff, Cindy Daly and Tronni Petersen. Claudia and Cindy continue to own the float house their father built in 1961 and it remains on Warren Slough, not far from the float house their grandfather enjoyed many years prior. A duck boat, built in 1928 by their grandfather Art, is still at the float house at Warren Slough

today and another remains in Alderbrook to the joy of Art's great-grandchildren.

5th Generation

Larry Olson married Kathy Grothe in 1977 and they reside in the Olson family home in Alderbrook that Larry's grandfather bought in 1932. The Olson's had three children: Heather, Jeremy and Tyler. Heather began fishing with her father when she was 8 years old and continued to fish with her dad through high school. Heather now lives Minnesota.

The two Olson sons, Jeremy (34) and Tyler (31) make up the 5th generation of gillnetters and today all three Olson's fish their own gillnet boats. Jeremy and Tyler began fishing with Larry when they were 7 years old and had their own boats by the time they were 16. Tyler would follow in the footsteps of his father when, as a 16 year old, he decided to "borrow" his brother's boat. He fished all night and in the morning called his father to tell

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Tyler, Gunnar, Hannah, Larry, Jeremy and Libby Olson at Olson Home 2013

The Olson Family Story (cont.)

him where he had been and said "come take the fish to the cannery, I have to go to school". Jeremy wasn't willing to part with his boat so soon after Tyler bought his own boat. (pictures of three men and boats in prior edition)

6th Generation:

In 2006, Jeremy Olson married Brittney Kelley and the Olson family expanded with Gunnar (8), Libby (5) and Hannah 18 months. Gunnar became the 6th generation gillnet fisherman in the Olson family when he joined his dad on the boat at age 6. Gunnar states he can run the boat but only going forward and doesn't like to put it in reverse. He stated "All I want to be is a gillnet fisherman when I'm grown up" to which his grandfather Larry replied "In 10 years if Gunnar still wants to fish, I'll give him my boat."

Hannah is the youngest of the 6th generation and is the namesake of Hannah Caroline, the first generation of the Olson Family born almost 150 years ago. Perhaps it will be Hannah who will be a 6th generation gillnet fisherwoman and in keeping tradition with the family, will take her brother's boat out in search of the salmon that have drawn the Olson family to the river since 1896.

By Cindy Olson Daly

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The Takalo-Blair Family story, with its six generations of Gillnetters on the Columbia River, was featured in our previous Summer 2012 edition. We bring you up-to-date with pictures of the younger generation in this issue.



Nettie Blair, Philip Blair, Christine Takalo Bridgens, Phyllis Takalo Amsberry, at the Brownsmead Fishermen's Warehouse. Photo by James Allen



Todd Takalo, Dale Takalo, Kara Takalo, Linda Estoos Takalo, Melissa Takalo, Eli Takalo at Blind Slough on Alan Takalo's Boat, 'Miss Trina', with Dale & Eli being prospective 7th Generation Gillnetters!

Photo by James Allen



Randy Blair & Grandson Abraham, Eating a crawfish!

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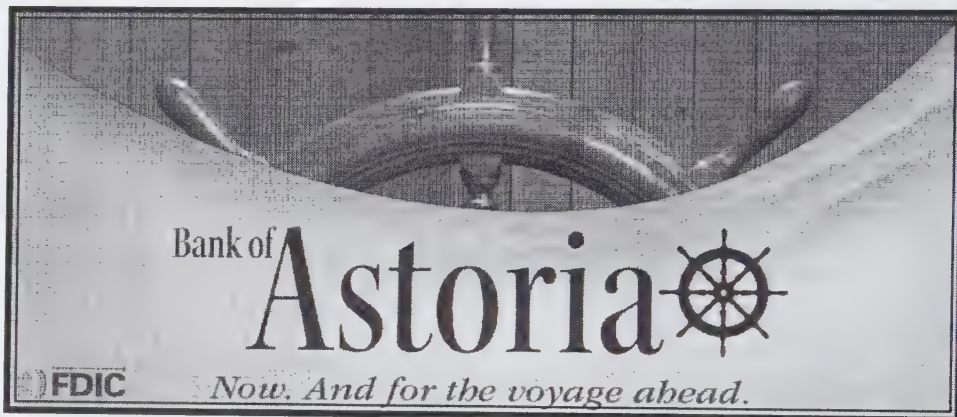
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Typical Gillnetter



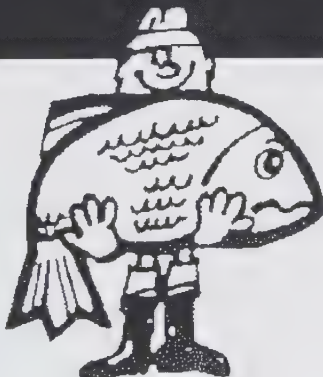
Typical Gillnetter weekend duty working at the net rack to repair snags on the nets. This Gillnetter happens to be Henning Lundquist at his dock next to the SPS Railroad Bridge over Blind Slough. His observer and advisor is possibly friend Axel Bjorkland from Ivy.

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GILLNET WAREHOUSE

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Wall hanging tools: mesh boards, splicing fid, mending needles, hanging sticks, hanging needles.

The inside and contents of a typical Gillnet, net warehouse.



Pictures show nets, corks, lines, lead lines, twine, boat flags, needles, etc.

Stored, fixed nets.



Here is where the Columbia River Gillnetter does his preparations for the upcoming salmon seasons. His success on the river depends for a great part on his work here.

**The Gillnetter's boat is in a separate shop for mechanical work.*

Salmon For All News

Gillnet supporters renew legal battle

Proposed new rules challenged

An amended petition that challenges proposed changes to gillnet use on the Lower Columbia River was filed July 1 in the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The new petition responds to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission's adoption of rules June 6, which replaced similar rules adopted by the commission in December.

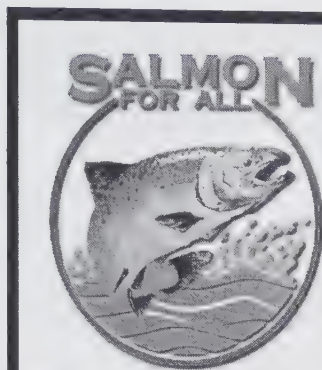
Steve Fick, Jim Wells and Fishhawk Fisheries challenged the first set of rule changes in January.

"They have not addressed the issues in any substantial way or from a technical standpoint," said Fick about the recent update to the rules.

The changes would move commercial gillnet fishermen off the main stem of the Columbia River following a transition period, enhance off-channel hatchery sites and introduce alternative gear use. It would also change the percentage of fish allocated for commercial gillnet fishermen while increasing it for recreational fishermen.

On February 11, the Oregon Court of Appeals granted a stay on enforcement of the rule changes that were set to take effect this year. The court allowed ODFW to reopen the rules to address the initial challenge by Fick and Wells, which focused on economic impacts to commercial gillnetters.

ODFW issued a new notice of proposed rulemaking and conducted a new Fiscal Impact Statement in March. A Fiscal Impact Advisory Committee met in April and May to analyze whether the proposed rules would hurt commercial fishermen and to develop recommendations for



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the commission. On the committee, there were three ODFW staff, two representatives of commercial fishing industry and two representatives for recreational fishermen.

After hearing the committee's findings and recommendations, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted similar measures as before.

Petition points out the burden on commercial fishermen

The petition filed July 1 states matching objections as before. It points out a burden on commercial gillnet fishermen because of allocation shifts and the illegality of seine nets, and proposed alternative gear type.

In addition, the document states objections to the committee.

"By appointing a fiscal impact advisory committee made up of five advocates for the ODFW rules and two persons representing the interests of those who would be affected adversely by promulgation of those rules, ODFW failed to meet its statutory obligation," it states.

Fick said that it was inadequate to only have two people affected by the changes on the committee. "We're going to continue the battle," he said.

Because new rules were adopted, the Oregon court determined that the initial challenge was moot and

that a new petition would be needed for continued judicial review on the matter. A new request for a stay of enforcement will be needed as well and is being worked on, according to Bob Steringer who represents the challengers.

The issue arose last year when sportfishing interests placed a measure on the Oregon statewide ballot seeking voter approval for gillnet restrictions on the main stem of the Columbia. The measure was rejected by a large margin in November. However, during the months leading up to the election, Gov. John Kitzhaber intervened and proposed that the Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife commissions work on a set of rule changes.

By **TED SHORACK**, *The Daily Astorian*

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Letters to the Editor

Hello Mr. Westerholm:

Thanks very much for continuing to keep me on the mailing list to receive Columbia River Gillnetter. I particularly enjoy the historic articles and photos that you seem always to include in each issue. Enclosed is a donation to help in publication of this excellent regional work.

I am currently in the process of writing a history of the Finns of the Grays River area, and I was immediately drawn to page 17 of your last edition, in which a WWII relief map of the Lower Columbia was shown. It is possible to obtain a copy of that map, which I would wish to include in the work I'm doing for the Finnish-American Historical Society of the West?

Sincerely,
Mr. Merle A. Reinikka
Portland, OR

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Dear Jon,

Enclosed is our yearly contribution to the Gillnetter which we enjoy very much. We were both born and raised in Astoria and very proud of our home town. My grandfather was John Ostrom and one of the founders of Union Fish Cannery. My dad was Arvi Ostrom who worked the seining grounds as a young man & later owned & operated Snu8g Harbor Tavern in Union Town. Jerry's grandfather was a Gillnetter and his mother worked many years for CRPA. We now live in Salem, OR and visit Astoria several times a year.

Keep up the good work
Lois Ostrom Carlson
And Jerry Carlson

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Jon,

Enjoyed talking to you for a minute last week in your office.

Here is a small contribution for your efforts. Keep up the good work.

Ross Fearey
Lake Oswego, OR

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Jon,

Thank you for continuing to publish the Columbia River Gillnetter.

The stories bring back fond memories listening to my grandparents share their

stories about living on the Columbia.

Tina Sahnaw
Hillsboro, OR

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Jon,

Enclosed is a small donation for the CRG -

Both myself and family enjoy reading it and looking at the pictures.

Dorothy Messenger
Marysville, WA

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Thank you for Gillnetter Magazine.
Appreciate it very much. Keep up the good work.

Thank you again
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Enclosed is a donation to the Gillnetter. I was a boat puller for three seasons while preparing for college or in college and enjoy reminiscing.

Bob Sunnell
Williamsburg, VA

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Jon Westerholm

I wish I could tell you more about my father's cousin, Henry Kokko, but I was quite young when he was around. I do know he had a half-brother, Martin Jarris. Their mother was Anna Wirkkala or Wirkkunen and she lived 'across the river'. I believe she was Grandma Toikka's sister. Kokk was a soldier at one time; his brother was a deep sea diver. When they had 'leave', they always visited my parents - Eric and Mrs. Toikka - in Portland. We liked them both very much, but I have nothing else to contribute unfortunately.

JoAnn Sunnell
Williamsburg, VA



Jon:

Eldon Korpela gave this picture to JoAnn and myself and it was taken in Alaska. I had met Kokk as they called him, however I did not really know him. JoAnn has many memories of him being a very nice person. I understand that he fished both in Alaska and on the Columbia River. I believe that he or his brother Marin Jarvis also played on the U of O "Tall Firs" basketball team.

Note from Editor Jon Westerholm:

Henry Kokko fished every summer for many years on Cook Inlet out of Kenai, Alaska for Columbia Wards Fishery. He spent his later years living fulltime in Kenai.

This picture, taken in the 1970's shows him on his company boat in the middle of the Inlet with the prominent West Side Mountains, Redoubt & Iliamna, in the background. He became a tall Finnish legend at

Letters to the Editor (cont.)

the Wards Cove Cannery.

He grew up in Astoria and joined many of his Finn-Friend Countrymen in learning to play the game of basketball, when he wasn't on the Columbia River Gillnetting for salmon.

He was a member of the Champion Astoria High School Teams of 1935 and 1936 and was chosen All-State both years. He did not play for the Tall Firs, but he was there at McArthur Court, Eugene, much of the time to watch his Finn Astoria High School Friends who did.

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Jon:

Thanks again for including the bio for "Hank" (Sonny) Marine for A Wave Good-bye. Please use the enclosed in his Memory. Sonny was a very close friend to all of our family through the years.

Also, two other things:

The Columbia River Gillnetter is the best for lots of reasons for lots of us, especially now. I know that it takes a lot of work, time and attention from you and others to assemble and publish it, and that it's mostly voluntary. You do suck a great job. The Gillnetters and Gillnet Boats issue (Summer 2012) was really special memories. Thanks again for so much. And,

Looking back at all the gillnet boats in that issue, I'm again reminded of cousin Gregory Vlastelicia's (now Tarabochia's) classic Sea Wolf that you featured in the Winter 2009 (Vol. 40, No 1) issue. And more about Gregory. After he sold the Sea Wolf to Joe Tarabochia in the early 1950's, Gregory built himself another classic large gillnetter. It was different. Shaped more like a PT-Boat with sloping flared bow, and with even a pair of removable fins like a Cadillac which he only showed a couple times, we called it the Green Hornet because of its color. I don't know if he ever named it, or what he did with it. I've never seen it again. I seem to recall that it may have been sold for conversion to a pleasure boat someplace else. But if anyone has any old pictures or even particulars about the Green Hornet gillnet boat then or later, maybe they could share them.

Again, thanks for all that you all do.
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1 onion, sliced	1 cup milk
1 cup thinly sliced mushrooms	½ pound skinless salmon fillet, in ½ inch cubes
Salt and freshly ground pepper	½ cup chopped fresh dill
4 cups fish or chicken stock	2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Melt the butter in a stockpot over medium heat. Cook the onion and mushrooms with salt and pepper until soft. Pour in stock and bring to a boil. Add potatoes, bring back to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook, uncovered, 30 minutes.

Transfer to a food processor or blender and puree in batches. Pour back into the pot and add milk. Bring to a low boil. Stir in salmon, dill, and mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper and simmer 5 minutes. Serve hot. – Serves 8.

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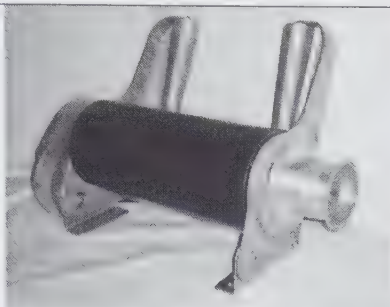
Quarter onion. Place in cavity of fish along with allspice and broken bay leaf, salt and pepper to taste. Wrap well in aluminum foil. Place in roaster. Bake at 325o for 2 hours or until done.

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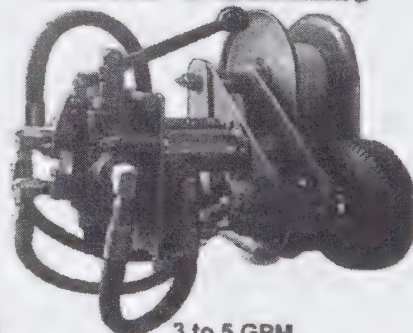
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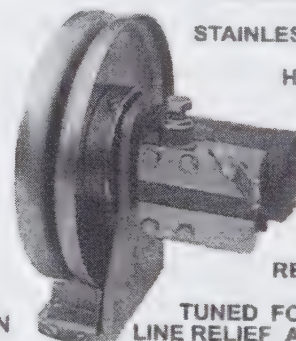


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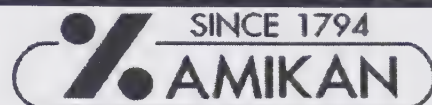
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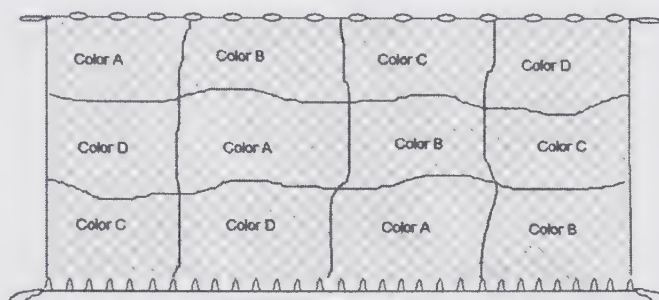
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Franklin Dominic Tarabochia **Commercial Fisherman** **January 12, 1937** **— March 9, 2013**

Frank of Astoria lost his hard fought battle with mesothelioma on Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Seaside. He was 76.

Mr. Tarabochia was born in Astoria on January 12, 1937, to Joseph and Winnifred Tarabochia. His parents preceded him in death as well as his brother, John Tarabochia, and his sister, Katherine Sagen.

After attending school in Brookfield, WA, and Astoria, Frank went on to become a commercial fisherman. He spent much of his time gillnetting on the Columbia River, and most of his summers in Alaska, fishing Bristol Bay.

On May 31, 1960, he married Eileen Askeland in Astoria; she survives.

Along with his wife, Frank is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Chester Bushnell of Warrenton; daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Barry Minkoff of Svensen; 3 grandchildren: Nicolas North of Warrenton, Megan North of Svensen and Eric Jenson of Hillsboro, OR. His brothers, Joe Tarabochia of Astoria, Mike Tarabochia of Gladstone, OR; his sisters, Judy Palmer of Eugene and Joan Hemeon of Oregon City; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and many, many friends.

Frank was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

A public viewing will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Astoria.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Philip Eugene Johnson **Commercial Fisherman, 80**

Philip, of Seaside, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 in Astoria.

He was born Oct. 10, 1932, in Clatskanie, to Ole and Lovisa (Hansen) Johnson.

He served for two years in the U.S. Army.

On March 30, 1969, he married Jean Kandoll Johnson in Longview, Wash. She survives, residing in Seaside.

Mr. Johnson was a commercial fisherman. He retired in 2007. He lived in Clatsop County for 75 years, in Astoria and Seaside.

He was a member of the Astoria Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Family members said he enjoyed reading, listening to hymns and news on the radio and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alex and Rebecca



Johnson of Knappa, Troy Johnson of Seaside and Travis and Rebecca Johnson of Hammond; two daughters and sons-in-law, Heather and Steve Stratton of Warrenton and Gretchen and Kent Little of Colville, Wash.; a brother, Ben Johnson of Warrenton; three sister, Ruth Alcantara of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., Mary Holmgren of Lynnwood, Wash., and Mildred St. Martin of Pasco, Wash.; a cousin, Lillian Nimmo of Astoria; 15 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Karl, George, Olaf, Jack and Jim Johnson; and three sisters, Gerta Johnson, Rachel Roberts and Esther Laurila.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, at the Apostolic Lutheran Church, 10th Street and Irving Avenue in Astoria.

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A funeral will be held at noon Wednesday, Jan. 2, at North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahanna Road in Seaside.

Interment will be at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Lutheran Church, in care of Cary Johnson, 37751 Highway 30, Astoria, OR 97103

Hughes Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences, memories and photographs may be shared at www.hughes-ransom.com

Arlene Marie Graham
September 26, 1937
—July 3, 2013

Arlene was born to Toifo Mike and Marie Lempi (Riikonen) Sarampaa on September 26, 1937, in Astoria, OR. She graduated from Astoria High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, Howard on October 1, 1955, at the Peace Lutheran Church.

They were married for 58 years and resided in Astoria. The couple had 3 sons; Mike, Pat and Doug. Arlene retired from the Columbia River Fisheries Union office where she worked as their secretary.

Arlene loved to garden, tole paint, camp and fish. She was known as "The Sturgeon Queen" due to the fact that she always out fished her husband. She was a forestry and cooking 4-H leader for many years. She also made the best cookies ever. She always had a large bag of cookies for her family whenever they came to visit. Arlene loved her family, especially her grandkids; David, Shannon, Doug, Jacqueline, Jacob and Emma. She was a lioness in regards to watching over and caring for her family.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Graham of Astoria, her sons Mike, Doug and his wife Lisa, and Pat and his wife Susie. Her grandchildren David, Shannon and her husband Brandon, who gave Arlene one of her greatest treasures, her great-granddaughter Piper, Doug, Jacqueline, Jacob, and Emma. Her sister Betty Smith and her husband Jim, and nephews Brian and David.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 10, at 11 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Astoria, OR.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton of Astoria, OR, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church, 4-H, Lower Columbia Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Arlene served very credibly many years as secretary for the CRFPU when the office was downtown Astoria at 322 10th Street.



John Robert Anet
Feb. 04, 1948 – June 15, 2012

John Robert "Bob" Anet unexpectedly passed away as a result of a stroke on June 15, 2012, in Normal, Ill. Bob was born Feb. 4, 1948, in Eugene to Bob and Paula Anet. He grew up in Lake Oswego and attended Lake Oswego High School where he helped start LOH's first ski team. He went to college at the American College of Switzerland and the University of Oregon (Go Ducks!). While in Switzerland Bob trained with the Swiss Olympic ski team and competed throughout Europe. Upon returning to the states, he worked in a variety of areas related to the ski industry. He was a well regarded ski coach at Mr. Hood for a period of time before moving to Steamboat Springs, Colo. And then to Vail, Colo. Where he met Cindy Grieves whom he married on Oct. 18, 1980.

Bob and his family moved from Vail to Bloomington, Ill in 1981. They opened Central Station restaurant in an old downtown Bloomington fire station and later opened Rosie's, another restaurant which they still own. In 1997, Bob began a real estate career and marketed several subdivisions in the Bloomington-Normal, Ill. Area. He was actively working when he passed away. He served on the McLean County Chamber of Commerce board of directors and headed up McLean County's fundraising efforts to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. He also was involved with Normal West High School's booster club.

Bob was always making new friends and maintained contact with many throughout the country. He would join old ski buddies in Sun Valley and expand the group with Midwest acquaintances. He also was an accomplished golfer and loved to fish. Thanks to his cousin, Tibby, Bob caught a good sized salmon and a crab limit last summer when he came back to Oregon to visit friends and relatives. His smile and laugh were contagious making him a great addition to any party. When he wasn't on the golf course or the ski slopes telling stories or making jokes, you could find him fly fishing on the pond behind his house or in the kitchen trying out a new recipe.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughters, Kelli (Chad) Kruger of Grain Valley, Mo., Kenzi Anet of Bozeman, Mont; a brand new grandson, Cole Robert Kruger; sister Peggy (John) Whittlesey) Anet of Portland; and a host of other family members including aunt, Gina Stanley; as well as cousins, Grant (Donna) Utter, Gary (Karlene) Utter, Tibby (Chris) Utter, Claudia (Bob) Mathews, Marsha (Mike) Herron, Leslie (Bob) Quinney, Debbie (John) Bond; and their respective children and grandchildren. Bob's parents, Bob and



Paula Anet, predeceased him.

A gathering to celebrate Bob's life will be held at a later date in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in his name to a charity of your choice or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Bob will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

(Maureen) Charlotte Nelson
December 13, 1930 to
March 31, 2013

Maureen was born to William and Thelma Whitten from Altona, Washington. She passed away Easter Sunday, 2013, in Longview, Washington.

After graduating from Naselle high School, the family moved to Astoria. Char worked as a telephone operator for 30 years, retiring in 1981.

On May 14th, 1952 she married Glenn Loren Nelson of Astoria. They were married 56 years before his death in 2008. They made their home and raised their children in Astoria.

Char enjoyed many activities, including reading, clam digging, fishing, sewing, doing crafts and sightseeing. She loved growing plants from seeds and nurturing them along. She was a very talented tole painter. It gave Char great joy to bake cookies for her grandchildren, and she loved being with her special lunch bunch friends on Fridays.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Craig) Bergerson, Rainier; son Ken (Janine) Nelson, Astoria; sister, Romaine Jensen, Seaside; brother, Bill (Pat) Whitten, Astoria. Grandchildren include Katie Bergerson, Beaverton; Kaylene (Brad) Herman, White Salmon, WA; Grant Bergerson (Kaylie), Rainier; Juliann (Dan) Koehnke, Stevenson, WA. Great-grandchildren, Danica and Korben, Harley and Gunner. Char is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private family graveside service was held Saturday, April 6th, followed by a reception for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Canterbury Gardens, Memory Care Activities, 1457 3rd Ave., Longview, WA 98632, in memory of Charlotte Nelson. Or donations would be appreciated at the hospice of one's choice.

Caldwell's Luce Layton was charge of arrangements.

Paul Dennis 'Denny'
Thompson, Jr.
Native Astorian, 87

Denny died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 at home.

He was born Dec. at, 1924, in Astoria, to Paul Dennis Thompson Sr. and Sophia (Seppala) Thompson.

He graduated from Astoria High School.

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He served for two years as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

On June 11, 1950, he married Frankye Adair Dean in Astoria. She survives, residing in Astoria.

Mr. Thompson was the former co-owner with his brother Dick Thompson, of Astoria Granite Works.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Astoria Golf 7 Country Club and the United Finnish Kaleva Lodge. He served as vice consul general to Finland.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Lisa Stevenson and her husband Tom of Winlock, Wash., and Greta Sangder and her husband, Randy, of Eugene; five grandchildren, Emily Sangder of Eugene, Kelly Silve and her husband Trask, of St. Maries, Idaho, Kate Ivy and her husband, Justin, of Seattle, John Stevenson and his wife, Joni of Cascade, Idaho, and Brandy Swift and her husband, Cameron, of Tacoma, Wash.; and four great-grandchildren, Presley and Dane Swift of Tacoma, Finnegan Ivey of Seattle, and Kasen Brooke Silva of St. Maries.

He was preceded in death by son, Paul Dennis "Casey" Thompson III.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Astoria High School Casey Thompson Scholarship Fund, in care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 576 12th St., Astoria, Or 97103, or charity of one's choice.

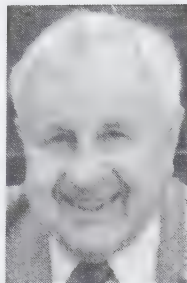
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Dorothy Labiske
August 8, 1918
— November 6, 2012

Dorothy passed away in Astoria. She was born to William C. and Annie (Doig) Haglund. She spent most of her life in the Astoria area. As a child she enjoyed her summers at Tongue Point where her father moved the family home with his boats, then back to Ivy for school.

She graduated from Lower Columbia Knappa Grade School at Knappa in 1932. Then on to Knappa Svensen High where she graduated in 1936. She also graduated from Northwestern School of Commerce, in Portland.

She was employed by Austin Construction and the Federal Government when Tongue Point became a Naval Air Station.



She married Carl H. Labiske May 2, 1942. Together they built and operated the Crest Motel in Astoria. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She loved to travel and enjoyed Australia and New Zealand with her friend, Dorothy Churchill and then England, Scotland and Europe with her niece Becki Haglund-Smith. Her hobbies were picking wild blackberries, baking, knitting, gardening, playing cards and casino hopping.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Marie Haglund and a brother-in-law, Norman Forney, nieces Becki Haglund-Smith and Willi Anne Bechtolt, nephews Chuck, Rock and Blake Haglund, and Norman Forney. Great niece Pamela Dowdy and family and great nephew Steve Reimers and family, along with many other nieces, nephews and greats, friends Darcy & Rob Carr and Fran Vanderburg that will miss her. She also had a close relationship with her husband's family.

Dorothy was preceded in death by not only her husband, also a brother Charles Haglund and two sisters, Gladys H. Duncan and Idamae H. Forney.

Memorial contributions can be made to Knappa Schools Foundation, 93024 Knappa Dock Road, Astoria, OR 97103 or Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Dr., Astoria, OR 97103.

Visitation will be held Monday November 12th, 2012 from 9:00 am to 12 noon at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, OR. Funeral services will be held November 12, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary.

Graveside Service with Vault Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. A reception will follow at Olney Grange. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Albert Laakso
January 09, 1927
— December 29, 2012

Albert Laakso passed away on a beautiful cold winter night at the Cornelia B. Ranch in Paulina, Ore.

Albert was born in Winlock, Wash. His primary schooling was in Centralia, Wash. And he graduated from Kelso High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Alaska and graduated from Stanford University in 1950. Albert worked with Inland Navigation, Pacific Inland Navigation, Willamette Western and Reidel International until he started his own company, Coast marine Construction, out of Astoria and Portland.

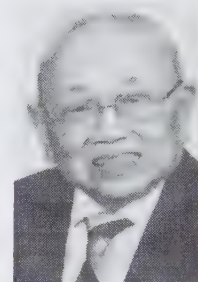
He enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially playing golf at the Astoria Golf Club; Albert is survived by his wife, Cornelia, his two sons; four daughters, and their families. Arrangements for cremation will be in care of Prineville Funeral Home. At his request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Kelso Public School Foundation.

Duncan Kenneth Law
February 22, 1921
— March, 2013

The story of Duncan Kenneth Law begins in Hong Kong on 22 February 1921, where he was born to Fannie Martha Law and George Gunn Law, both of U.S. citizenship. At age 13 months with his mother and sister he sailed to Portland, Oregon where he lived his early years. His early grammar school years were spent in Astoria; his high school years in Portland, graduating from Washington High School in 1939. In the summers he began to work at Elmore Cannery under the old Chinese Contract Labor system; room and board at the cannery bunk house. Here he learned more Chinese spoken language. Working at the cannery afforded him his college education and graduating in 1944 with a degree from then Oregon State College. His cannery days sparked his interest to accept a job in fisheries research, that became a 40 year career, with the Oregon State University, Department of Food Science and Technology, retiring in 1984, Professor Emeritus. In 1966, he received the U.S. Dept. of Interior Conservation Service award for development of the Oregon moist pellet which became standard feed in aquaculture and salmon hatcheries. Other research included food for human consumption as well; fish sausage, shrimbos, fish protein concentrate and surimi.

In 1950, Duncan married Flora Lee. From this happy marriage, four sons and 2 daughters arrived. It was also during the period that Duncan spent time with the youth and enjoyed his Junior Optimist group as their leader. When his own sons became scouting age, Duncan became a Boy Scout Master. In 1976 he was honored with the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver award in recognition of volunteer service. A notable percentage of scouts under his leadership became eagle scouts. The boys that Duncan mentored in both youth groups rewarded him with close and warm friendships to the end of his life.

Duncan took great interest in community service. He took leadership roles in both the Young's Bay Salmon Enhancement project and establishing the Seafood Consumer Center. It may be said that the Young's Bay fisheries program greatly benefited the commercial fisheries with a new income source, and the consumer center was enjoyed by all for both teaching and as an events center. 1971 began his role as councilman on the Astoria City Council for 13 years. He was best known for his ability to diffuse controversial issues and was called the "peace maker."



In recent years he actively participated and played a role in the development of the memorial park, "The Garden of Surging Waves."

From the time he was a child and through his adult years, Duncan's family and friends enjoyed his musical talent as a pianist.

Lastly, but perhaps the most important, he was a wonderful, loving husband and father. He played an active and important role in the children's and grandchildren's upbringing. In the early 1990s, Duncan and Flora started a "cousins" camp that later evolved into "family" camp. For the past 23 years this tradition has kept the family closely together. This annual event takes place in Douglas County at Camp Lane.

Duncan is survived by his wife, Flora. Children: Robbie (and Tricia) of Reedsport, Oregon; Randy (and Mary) of Corvallis; Roger (and Patti) of Tualatin; Ron (and Rosemary) of Astoria; Joyce (and Jim Kooiman) of Eugene; and Jani (and Rob Selven) of Eugene. He is survived by 17 grandchildren: Ryan Law of Vancouver, Washington; Stacy Law of Astoria; Melissa Law of Forest Grove; Carina Kooiman of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kaylee Hamann of Riverside, California; Jamie Koolman of Grand Rapids, Michigan; David Law of Branson, Missouri; Christina Law of Corvallis; Sarah Law of Corvallis; and Jaime Law of Corvallis; Amy Selven of Eugene; Kaari Selven of Tacoma, Washington; Krissie Selven of Eugene; Michael Selven of Eugene; Alison Law of San Francisco, California; Brian Law of Eugene; and Duncan M. Law of Portland.

The family wishes to share, celebrate and remember Duncan's life with a 2:00 p.m. memorial service, Sunday 24 March 2013 at the Liberty Theater.

In lieu of flowers, memorials kindly accepted to Garden of Surging Waves, Astoria High School Scholarship Fund, or First Lutheran Church.

Phillip L. Raistakka Former Naselle Youth Camp Principal 77

Phillip of Naselle, Wash., died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, in Astoria.

He was born March 24, 1935, in Astoria, to Leo and Sylvia (Nasi) Raistakka.

He was valedictorian of the Naselle-Grays River Valley High School class of 1953. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Puget Sound, where he belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity.

On Aug. 6, 1955, he married Shirley Penttila, his high school sweetheart. The couple were married for 41 years until her death Nov. 11, 1996.

On Sept. 15, 2001, he married Anita Kilponen.



She survives, residing in Naselle.

In 1965, Mr. Raistakka was one of the 20 people from across the U.S. to be awarded a competitive National Defense Act Fellowship for a full year of study to earn a master's degree in school counseling, which he earned from Oregon State University. He taught at DuPont Junior High School in the DuPont-Fort Lewis, Wash., school district in 1966. The following year, he returned to his roots in Naselle, where he became principal at the Naselle Youth Camp School. For 2 years he was sports writer for the Chinook Observer, covering Naselle High School Comets' activities. He retired in 1992.

Always an active community member, he was a member of the Lions Club and Elks Lodge, and was instrumental in starting the Not Quite So White Water River Run on the Grays River. He also served on the board of the Naselle-Grays River Valley Education Foundation for numerous years. More recently, he was a member of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters Lodge No. 2 of Astoria, the Appelo Archives Center and the Finnish-American Festival. He was one of many organizers of FinnFest USA 2006 held in Naselle and Astoria.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Steve Raistakka and his Cheryl of Naselle; two daughters Debbie Chavez and Deanna Wilson and her husband, Tim, all of Naselle; three grandchildren, Mathew Raistakka of Naselle, Jason Raistakka of Portland and Amanda Wilson of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister Patricia Wagler.

A memorial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at Naselle Lutheran Church, 308 Old Knappton Road in Naselle, with a reception immediately following.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Naselle-Grays River Valley Education Association, P.O. Box 185, Naselle, WA 98638, or to the local nonprofit organization of one's choice.

Penttila's Chapel by the Sea in Long Beach, Wash., is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book is available at www.penttilachapel.com

Virginia Myrl Holm Estoos Longtime Brownsmead resident 96

Virginia of Brownsmead, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 in Brownsmead.

She was born July 28, 1916, in Astoria, to Capt. Ivan Holm and Dora (Haslam) Holm. Her mother came by boat to Astoria from Naselle, Wash., to give birth.

Raised in Naselle, she graduated at the age of 16 with the Class of 1933. During the Depression, her advanced education was postponed

until her mother opened enough oysters to fund her years at Western Washington Normal School in Bellingham, Wash.

On June 14, 1942, she married Daryl Andrew Loren Estoos (DALE), at her parents' home. He preceded her in death. The couple moved into their unfinished house in Brownsmead that had no doors, windows or running water. In 1958, they moved to a larger house on the hill where she lived the rest of her life.

Mrs. Estoos taught at schools in Camas, Wash., and Naselle. She also was a partner in the family business, Pacific Oyster Company in Bay Center, Wash. In 1947, she and her mother purchased a beach house in Long Beach, Wash., which the family continues to use.

She was very busy in many local activities, including the Brownsmead Grange, Home Extension, anything involving Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she started a senior citizens luncheon, PTA and "Ladies Aid." When her children left home, she was asked to teach the local cooperative preschool, which she did for 14 years. She visited the Clatsop Care Center weekly to attend their church service and serve home-baked treats. She was member of Bethany Free Lutheran Church.

Family members said Christian education, sewing and cooking were some of her most loved activities. She spent many hours writing and sending encouraging notes to the homebound, ill or lonely people. Her ability to sing all of the verses of every hymn continued until recently, and her capacity to remember scripture remained almost until the day of her death. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by four daughters and two son-in-law, Nancy and Bill Maki of Pierce, Idaho, Nora Jean Estoos and Linda Dale Takalo of Brownsmead and Ann and Ralph Peitsch of Svensen; a son and daughter-in-law, Ivan John and Barbara Estoos of Knappa; 12 grandchildren, Elaine Maki Davidson, Jo, Andrew, Rachel and Timothy Peitsch, Carol Peitsch Kahn, Melissa and Todd Takalo, Katrina Takalo Morris, and Chris and Bryan Estoos; 18 great-grandchildren, Kirsten and Annika Cook, Allison Davidson, Michael, Nora and Henry Peitsch, Patrick and Bridget Kahn, Ella, Moses and Oskar Finney, Cari Knapp, Dale and Eli Takalo, Ole and Trigve Morris and Ivan and Lila Estoos.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Forrest Holm; a granddaughter, Debra Ann Peitsch; and a son-in-law, Alan Takalo.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov.



Bernice Douglas Smith

Bernice Douglas Smith, 89, of Newport, Ore., died June 29, 2012 in Newport.

She was born Sept. 3, 1922 to Roy O. and Roberta Vinson in Portland, ORE. Bernice married Vern L. Smith on March 8, 1946 in Astoria, Ore. Bernice was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who lived in logging camps and ranches around Oregon. She also lived in Nevada, California, Colorado and Arizona before finally settling in Oregon.

Her professional life was spent in accounting. She worked for county and state agencies, real estate, ranching, and ran her own successful business.

Bernice was an avid reader and gardener, and she enjoyed knitting and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother; a son-in-law; and a great grandchild.

She is survived by her children, Diane Pinkerton of Newport, Neal (Nora) Smith of Colorado, Barbara (John) Jackson of Colorado and Rebecca Smith of Colorado; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Her family held a private service at Willamette National Cemetery.

Bateman Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Hank married Nancy Olds, living in Portland and later (near) Seattle, and their two daughters are Deann and Francine. In 1965 Hank married Trudie, living in the Seattle area, and at fish processing locations in Alaska, and finally to their farm on Puget Island since 2000. Hank and Trudie's children are David, Joe and Tara.

Born to and early raised in Clifton, Hank never got far from the nets, living and gillnetting with his Lasich family and for himself during much of his growing up years. Later, after an early career in auto-electrics for Kenworth Trucks in Seattle, he went to Alaska first as Port Engineer, then managing fish and crab processing plants over about 18 years in Egegik, King Cover and Dutch Harbor, including working then for Castle & Cook (Bumble Bee/CRPA), Peter Pan, Pacific, and Pan Alaska Fisheries. He also owned and operated fish-tenders in Alaska. One of his Company work assignments in those years was to help arrange close-outs for processor-owned fish receiving stations along the lower Columbia River from Astoria to Ellsworth, WA. A special closure to Hank was for his hometown Clifton, which resulted then in transfer of actual ownership to the nine remaining active gillnet families there in 1979.

After fisheries, Hank was bus maintenance supervisor for the School District and for Community Transit in Renton, WA., until his retirement in 1998. Then at his new home on Puget Island after 2000, Hank renovated their old farm home there for comfortable living, even using some salvaged lumber from a familiar old Clifton house. He was well known in his Puget Island years for his expertise and serious attention to Pike Minnow "harvest" out of Cathlamet, surely both for benefit to endangered salmon and the bounty money, but maybe more to help justify being out on the lower Columbia River

so important to him. He had his own boat and sometimes also enjoyed other sport fishing, and still talked about how good duck-hunting on Tenasillahe was in the 'old days'. He always had time for the children in his life, and the annual August reunion for family and friends at their Puget Island farm was a most special gathering.

Hank Marine is survived by wife Trudie at their home on Puget Island; their children David and Joe Marine and Tara Edwards; his daughters Deann Katchman and Francine Hall; sisters Anita (Bernie) Verbout and Janet (Dennis Wilson); and their entire families, including his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, each and every one of who remembers that they were Grandpa's or Uncle Han's only very favorite.

Sonny Marine was a long-time and close friend to many who knew him early on and over the years, even more like family to some. More than 100 people attended the memorial service held at the Longview-Kelso Elks lodge by his families on October 21, 2012.



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Henry (Hank) Marine 1933-2012

Henry "Hank" Marine, age 79, passed away on August 2, 2012, at OHSU in Portland, following a major stroke while at his home on Puget Island. Hank was born to Henry, Sr. and Mary Marine on December 11, 1933, in Astoria. Hank's father worked for the SP&S railroad between Astoria and Portland, and made their homes along the route, including at Clifton, Clatskanie and Linnton (Portland). Hank's mother was Mary Lasich of Clifton, and her family there were Hank's grandparents Visco and Domina Lasich (the old Lasich farm), and aunts and uncles Lucy, Winnifred, Philip, Nick and John Lasich, all long-time Clifton gillnet families. Hank was always best known to his mother, his family and River friends as "Sonny".

After moving to Linnton, Hank graduated from Portland's Central Catholic High School in 1952. He served in the US Navy 1952-55, including decommissioning of the Battleship USS Missouri.

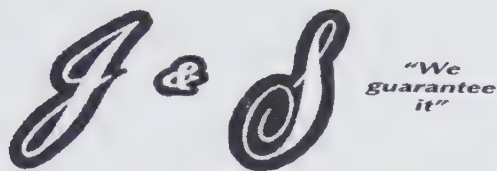


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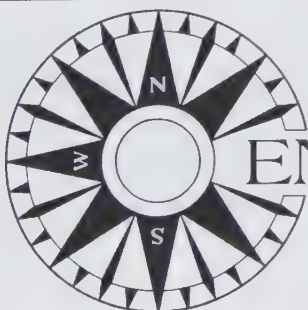
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The Dulcich Family has indicated that they are going to rebuild the plant. In the meantime they are using the facility at Tongue Point to carry on their processing activity.

Photo by Alex Pajunas - The Daily Astorian

Memories

Uniontown-Uptown Supreme Court coffee gathering at DANA's Restaurant, a few years ago. This was one of the most popular Fishermen gatherings of the past in Astoria. Many questions were answered here and many problems solved.

L to R: Abby Ihander, John Hill, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Francine Parker, Bill Gunderson, Walt Fransen

Missing were: Eldon Korpela, Dick Thompson, Art Hilton, Jimmie Parker, Harry Phillips and Joe Thompson



L to R: Jerry Westerholm, Glenn Larsen, Harold Hendrickson, Don Abrahams, Melissa Powell

Poets Corner

FISHERMAN'S HEAVEN

*If I should go to Paradise
And God grants me my wish,
I think I'd like to just continue
To go in search of fish.*

*You see I've had a taste of heaven,
Right here on this very earth,
And a lifetime spent in pursuit of fish,
Is how I've got my money's worth.*

*Yeah, I have a special love for fish,
But of the harvest I've had my fill.
I just want to chase and catch 'em.
Though I find I regret the kill.*

*There's so much grace and beauty
In that salmon's silvery hue,
A lesson of determination and focus
Right there for me and you.*

*And heaven would be where fishing
Is always at it's peak.
But I'm not interested in the killing of fish
Just that elaborate game of hide and seek.*

*So no more search and destroy,
Just catch 'em and turn 'em loose.
You say that doesn't make much sense,
You ask wherein the use?*

*I see us as partners and playmates of the sea,
Understanding for both of us the same.
Hiding, catching, releasing unharmed,
Both of us enjoying the game.*

*Oh, those fish would laugh when I caught
them,
Telling me how hard it's going to get,
I could grin and watch them steak away,
As I readied for the next set.*

*Yes for me to golden streets
Or finely bejeweled crown,
Just let me live and play on a friendly ocean,
Where no one ever dies or drowns.*

By DaveDensmore

*We feature our veteran poet
Dave Densmore's works from the past.*

TRICK OF TIME

*Well here I am again off Rocky Point,
It's first opener of the season.
This is what I do, what I am
I tell myself that's the reason.*

*But as a I scan familiar rocks and beach,
I get the strangest feeling of time compressed,
Just another day in one long season,
Maybe, maybe, I just dream all the rest.*

*Did winter actually come and go,
With all it's good and bad?
Is this my whole reality?
The thought feels a little sad.*

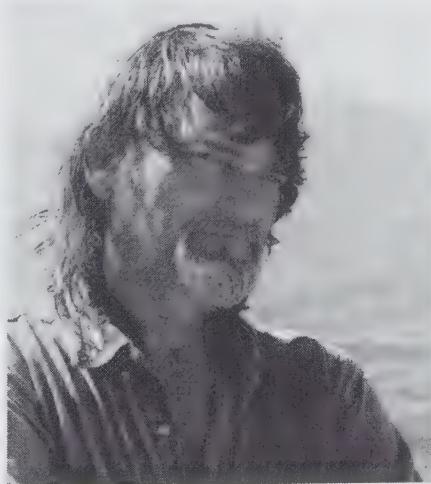
*But can't seem to shake the feeling,
Just yesterday, and the day before,
I was grinding off this rocky coast,
Always was, and will forever more.*

*The seasons disappear behind me,
Like hiway in a rearview mirror.
A long way from little kid in old wood skiff
To this point now and here.*

*So many different seasons
All just chapters in life's book,
Some were heaven here on earth,
Others; can't describe the toll they took.*

*But now here I am off Rocky Point
Can't shake the feeling though I try,
Seems only hours instead of months,
That I've watched go slipping by.*

By DaveDensmore



*The following bit of Fishery Poetry
Comes from our newest poet, Cindy
Jasper from Aberdeen, WA.*

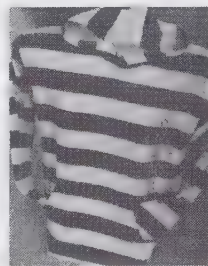
AS DARKNESS FALLS

*The net is set with care and precision
Corks afloat on effervescent water
As darkness falls,
One splash, cork down, two and then three
Silence no more
Another down and out of site
At once the night stills
From out of the abyss
Shines the eyes of a seal with my fish
As darkness falls
I glance at him,
"Take the fish and enjoy, for you must also eat"
Hand over hand the net comes in
Fish after fish fill my bin
Time to head home let the feasting begin
As darkness falls.*

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Two fine recollections from our story teller Patty Densmore, of her past experience.

GOING NORTH

David decided there was nothing to it but that we should go fishing in Alaska. He grew up there and was homesick. "Come with me", he said. "You'll love it!", he said. "We'll just go up for the summer and if you don't like it, we'll come back", he said.

Well now, I'd known David for a long time, since high school, but we had gone our separate ways, or I would have known once he got back to Alaska it would take an act of God to pry him out! Of course he meant what he said at the time. Well, maybe not, but he figured his powers of persuasion and the idea that I just had to love Alaska as much as he did would make all the difference in the world.

We loaded up the schooner, Sunapee, with 300 Dungeness crab pots David had traded his house for, and set off down river. We had David's 9-year old son Skeeter, aboard for the summer. We also had two deckhands, a greenhorn kid of 19, Mike Hubbard, and a more seasoned hand, Ron LaChapell. And my mother! Well, she wasn't actually going to Alaska with us. David had invited her down river and would drop her off in Ilwaco where my sister Kathy would pick her up. She needed no second invitation; she was down the ladder and on the boat before I knew it. David helped her aboard and across the tops of the huge stack of Dungie pots while I watched through my fingers. I think my mother had a much bigger sense of adventure than I ever did! She really liked David and she thought he was such a tough guy! I think she would have gone if I'd stayed home.

Once we dropped Mama off, with many calls of farewell and waving, we were off to Alaska! My big summer Alaskan adventure, or so I thought.

I'd fished for almost a year with David and had fished before on other boats, but only for a few months. I still considered myself a greenhorn. Not a green greenhorn, but maybe a medium green one. I'd survived a few harrowing adventures but I wasn't ready to take a boat out solo. In retrospect I was actually a pretty good crewman by the time we left for Alaska. David had spent a lot of time fine-tuning me after all.

The Sunapee was a 79' wooden East coast scallop boat built in 1918. David had found her derelict in Seattle and spent a lot of time, and of course money getting her back in shape. He painted the hull black and she looked a lot like an old pirate ship. Well, a lot of people thought he looked a little like a prate himself. She was a great sea boat and had lots of room but needed a bit of work yet in the main deck quarters.

We headed out the river and swung north. David was already feeling happier! I was already feeling homesick! We rolled up the Washington coast past Vancouver Island then headed into the Inside Passage and stopped for fuel in the Canadian port of Prince Rupert. We arrived about dawn and tied up the local fuel float. David warned that we couldn't go up town until we were cleared by Customs. He radioed the agency and they would send someone down to inspect the boat. Then he said, "The dock isn't really on land so we could go have a shower, a few feet from the boat after all." He was wrong. The agent was aboard when we got out of the shower and she informed us the boat was seized! The woman was new and of course adhering to the letter of the law. So Skeeter and I were in trouble. She said she couldn't let that pass and fined us \$100 for being ashore. She said the fuel float was tied to land

so it was part of Canada. Then she asked to see the health certificates of the three dogs. Oops! No, we didn't have any. So now she said the dogs were seized too. Not really the dogs, but the boat. We couldn't leave until we got them health certificates. We hadn't planned on taking them ashore to begin with, but since we didn't have their papers we had to take them ashore to get the certificates and shots! That was another \$150 from our meager funds. On a good note, we did get a walking tour of Prince Rupert. We finally got everything straightened out, got our fuel, and headed out again. David teased us for months about our \$0 showers in Canada.

We continued on our way up the inside passage through places so narrow, the currents so fast, the long passages were called races. It was close passing the ferries, especially in the dark. There were large rafts of loose logs to navigate through because of the high tides. We had to be careful not to hit any. Some had huge root wads too. Occasionally we passed a cruise ship loaded with happy tourists. David tried to convince me we were having a much better time on our boat. At least the captain, him, let me steer the boat once in awhile, like every 8 hours! We each had a 2 hour wheel watch, though David usually kept the wheel during most of the day. It was fun seeing all the new country, even when I was on wheel watch, a challenge at night following the charts and changing course at each buoy.

We didn't stop again until we pulled into Ketchikan, Alaska. We needed fuel again and groceries. We took some time to see old Ketchikan and a few of the neater sights. There were two huge cruise ships tied up there and towered over the town. It was the first time I had seen one up

Patty Densmore (cont.)

close and standing still. The ones we had passed were usually running at night lit up like a city on the move.

Once out of Ketchikan we traveled in a northwesterly arc to Icy Strait and then into Lisinski Inlet and down to Pelican. Pelican is a small fishing village where we spend our last night on the eastern side of the Gulf of Alaska. I really liked Pelican, with its wooden boardwalks and neat old buildings. The harbor master didn't like our dogs. He bade us keep them on a leash and clean up after them! And we hadn't even finished tying up the boat! They had enough dogs, he said, like we were going to leave them there.

We spent the night then headed out again up the narrow Lisinski Inlet and into an even narrower strait of the same name. It was raining and a little windy and I looked back as we headed off-shore across the Gulf of Alaska, wondering if I would ever come back.

It took us 4 days to cross the Gulf, the weather settled down and it came glassy calm and sunny. We saw a sunfish and I got my first look at a sea otter. It was floating on its back with its big back feet sticking up in the air and its front feet were holding calm. It floated lazily in the water and watched us go by.

It was evening of the 9th day when we sighted Kodiak. There was a wonderful sunset as we neared the island. We pulled into Kodiak town about sundown; it was midnight, but still daylight the 15th of June. It was the beginning of a 14-year adventure.

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DECKHANDS I'VE KNOWN

Deckhands ... and we've had a lot of them ... seem to be a different

species of people. They are just so different! They seem to like messing about on boats, even in the snow or rain! Well, come to think of it, so does a lot of skippers, or even Sport fishermen! I guess it's the fish fever thing.

Some of these deckhands are just average, 'do the job' sorta guys. Some are really enthusiastic and eventually the sickness compels them to get their own boats. A lot of them get their own boats because they hate being told what to do and dream of being able to tell everyone else what to do! Some, on the other hand, are just as hard-working but basically they are a bunch of goof-offs who would rather party and have fun than take on the responsibility of owning a boat. Then, there is that other type. The ones you just can never forget no matter how much you try! They just kinda linger in memory like that smell that hangs in your sinuses after you leave one of those little blue buildings of necessity.

Some of our crewmen were just there for the summer season, some stayed around for a couple years. The summer kids were mostly hoping for a little money to go to college or just so they didn't have to work year around. College bound kids never thought they were headed for a more important uppity life! Didn't bode well for their future classes with an attitude like that! You would never believe how many grown men don't know how to tie a knot! Don't want to learn even! They must be all those kids running around with their tennis shoes untied all the time. I always called them Velcro babies! Usually it took threats of extinction after losing some \$40 buoys overboard or pots lost because of nothing tied on the lines. Or worse yet, having the boat hanging by one line off the dock! I was usually saddled with the job

of teaching these greenhorns their knots when they came around complaining that David was being mean to them. Hours of it till I was ready to show them what David meant to extinction! Some fellows had to be taught every morning!

Sometimes I would nickname the crewmen. Some nicknames were better than others ... One fellow, 'Snuffles' had a sinus problem. That wasn't so bad till you had to sit next to him at dinner! I had to turn up the TV, they all thought I was deaf! Then there were the 'Whiners'. We actually had two of them. They were different from the regular whiney guys. These two, fortunately they weren't there at the same time, would take a bite of food, squeeze their eyes closed, and make a high pitched noise while they were chewing: 'eeeeewwwhh!' I don't know why I always ended up sitting next to these guys! I just turned up the TV. Another fellow I had mental problems with was a big crewman who had been sent out from 'Job Services' in Kodiak. It turned out that he had been living at the St. Francis Mission in Kodiak. He assured us he was okay as long as he remembered to take his medication. It was one of those 'Pig in a Poke' deals. He was nice enough but his medication made him drool. I could have even ignored that if he hadn't been boat cook! Another problem with him is he would hulk about in his 'Carhart' coveralls and the dogs would always attack him, even the little ones! I told him if he would take the time to talk to them and make friends they would stop doing that. He just said it was okay, it didn't hurt, and that's why he wore his coveralls all the time. I think the dogs associated him with bears. We lived remote in the Kodiak Bear Refuge and there were a lot of bears in the hills behind the

cannery. I could see where he kinda looked like one.

One of our crewmen still works with David. He has off and on for the last 15 years or so. I nicknamed him 'Sound-Effects Joe'. He is hardworking, cheerful and full of funny stories. Well, maybe all the stories aren't supposed to be funny but it's the way he tells them. All his stories are accompanied by full sound-effects; ricocheting bullets, squealing tires, hotrod engines, that sort of thing. We didn't need a TV when he was there.

My two nephews fished with us too. Wade, the older of the two decided to initiate Ken in the fine art of sabotage. The cannery was big and dark and creepy anyway. Wade would lay in wait for Ken, then jump out and growl like a bear or some other nutty thing that I'd have beaten him to a pulp for. One night Ken climbed into the cannery rafters and waited till Wade walked by. Then with a yell he jumped on Wade's shoulders! Once Ken got Wade's heart started again, Wade thought

that was the neatest thing! He was so proud! Said he screamed like a girl! Guess Ken passed his initiation. Then they turned their attention on our other deckhand, poor guy.

When we first went to Alaska we took a local kid up with us. Mike was 19, a pretty good natured kid, like part of the family. He would come in the galley and visit when I was cooking dinner. Then when I wasn't looking, he would grab some food and run. I usually got in a few good whacks with the spatula in before he got out the galley door. But once out on deck he was up the forward mast so fast I could never catch him.

Well, this is just a start on this story. There are so many crewmen who have crossed the deck it will take me awhile to get all them down. I don't miss the fishing, but I do miss some of those crewmen.

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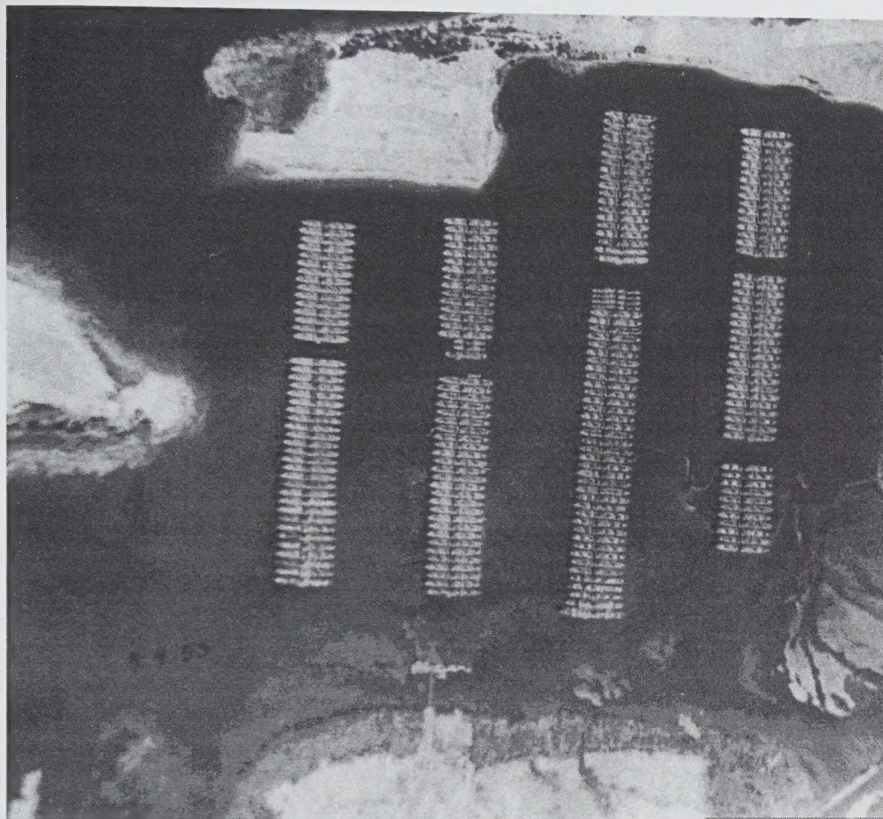


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Mystery Photos I.D. from the past

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Aerial view of the Tongue Point Navy after World War II, Moth Ball ships (fleet).



Special cork material bumper between ships.

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Mystery Photo

Can you identify these necessary Gillnet fishing objects? In particular the one in the middle with the very sharp nose.



Bits of History

SP&S – Union Fish



These two views of the new Barbey Maritime Center in East Astoria and the shot of the Cannery Pier Hotel, with the Gillnet Boat enshrined in front, have remarkably close time periods in their background.

The Barbey Center was refurbished by the Columbia River Maritime Museum as a boat building and special class facility. The building was constructed in 1924 by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle (SP&S) Railroad, as an improvement on the old 1898 Astoria line station.

The Cannery Pier Hotel is built on the stubbed off piling of the Union Fishermen's Cooperative Packing Company Plant. This cannery was built in 1897 by a group of Finnish Gillnet Fishermen on a cooperative basis and it became one of the important salmon packing plants on the Columbia River. It is an extremely popular hostelry of Astoria today.

Both of these historic facilities have played an important part in the growth and development of Astoria and the Lower Columbia River area.

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